

MINUTES  
STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES  
AUGUST 17, 1995

The regular meeting of the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges was held on Thursday, August 17, 1995, at 9:00 a.m., in Conference Room 507 of the Education and Research Center, Jackson, Mississippi.

**Members present:** Alton Bankston, Paul Breazeale, Yvonne Brown, John Junkin, II, Patricia Puckett, Perrin Purvis, Nell Rogers, Hazel Terry, William Seal, and George Walker.

**Staff in attendance:** Dr. Olon Ray, Executive Director, William Box, William Bunch, Jr., Becky Cade, Dr. Larry Day, Deborah Gilbert, Sandra Lucas, R. L. McClellan, Ed Schneider and Don Shadow.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Paul Breazeale at 9:00 a.m.

**PRELIMINARIES**

The invocation was given by Mrs. Yvonne Brown.

**Acknowledgment/Introductions**

Chairman Breazeale welcomed Larry Miller, Executive Director of Mississippi Authority for Educational Television and Patrick McKinnis of EdNet.

**Approval of Minutes**

On a motion by Perrin Purvis, seconded by Nell Rogers, the Board approved the minutes of the July 21, 1995, meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**Review of Agenda**

On a motion by John Junkin, seconded by George Walker, the Board unanimously adopted the agenda after moving the EdNet report to item IV. Reports/Action, letter A.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Dr. Olon Ray distributed to Board members a final response addressed to Steven A. Patterson, State Auditor, listing alternative recommendations related to the Mississippi Statewide Performance Audit. (Exhibit A).

Upon recommendation by Dr. Ray, a motion by George Walker, and a second by Patricia Puckett, the Board voted unanimously to approve the reappointment of Bill Johnson of Southwest Mississippi Community College, to serve on the Certification Commission.

Dr. Ray reported that the Council on Educational Technology is working together and will bring to the Board at a later date, recommendations dealing with interconnectivity, cooperation among educational state agencies, Mississippi Library Commission, Mississippi Educational Television, and Mississippi Department of Information and Technology Services.

Executive Director's Travel Schedule:

August 23-24, 1995 - Coahoma Community College

September 14 or 15 - Mississippi River Construction Project

Dr. Ray announced that October 5, 1995, at 2:15 p.m. has been set for the Legislative Budget Hearing, and urged Board members to attend if possible.

**REPORTS/ACTION**

EdNet Report

Chairman Breazeale introduced Larry Miller, MAETV Executive Director, and Patrick McKinnis of EdNet. Mr. Miller distributed a handout to Board members and covered items discussed at the EdNet Board meeting held on August 8, 1995. (Exhibit B) Mr. Miller also informed Board members that the second cell of EdNet is now in operation in the Delta. Also, final approval has been received for the acquisition and installation of an EdNet control room and studio facility in the basement of the Paul B. Johnson Tower. The facility will be made available to agencies for production of instructional programming. A studio-to-transmitter link will also be installed and will later be interconnected with all the EdNet cells within the state.

On a motion by George Walker and a second by Nell Rogers, the Board voted unanimously to support MAETV's effort to obtain \$6,800,000 in funding to replace its outdated tube type microwave transmission system with a digital system to ensure reliability and interconnectivity.

Finance Committee

John Junkin covered items listed on the Finance Committee agenda.

Upon finance committee recommendation, a motion by John Junkin, and a second by Nell Rogers, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Aid to Colleges September disbursement in the amount of \$5,053,657. (Exhibit C)

The Board reviewed the Bimonthly Capital Improvements Reports on Senate Bill 3057 and Senate Bill 3304 bond projects. No action was required. (Exhibit D)

Upon finance committee recommendation, a motion by George Walker, and a second by Nell Rogers, the Board voted unanimously to approve the revised listing of Senate Bill 3252 bond projects. (Exhibit E)

The approved Indirect Cost Proposal for FY 1996, at the rate of 15.3% was presented for the Board's review and information. No action was required. (Exhibit F)

Mr. Junkin presented to the Board a report on bids received for pre-sorting, labeling and mailing 5,000 copies of the Skill/Tech Newsletter for the fiscal year 1996. The contract has been awarded to Goodwill Industries.

Also, a copy of an Interagency Agreement for legal services between the Attorney General's office and the SBCJC was presented for the Board's review. (Exhibit G)

Deborah Gilbert presented the Education Enhancement Fund disbursement report for the period ending July 31, 1995, in the amount of \$2,226,179.41. No action was required. (Exhibit H)

Mr. Junkin presented a financial report on Lapse and Carryforward Funds for FY 1995. (Exhibit I)

Copies of the composite budget request, as well as any or all of the fifteen community/junior college budgets, are available for any Board member who wishes to review them.

#### Workforce Education Committee

George Walker updated Board members on the efforts of the State Workforce Council. Mr. Walker informed SBCJC members about the Quality Awards Program sponsored by the Center for Quality and Productivity. These awards are modeled after the Malcolm Baldrige Award will be presented in early October.

Mr. Walker also reported to the Board that the State Workforce Council held a retreat in Vicksburg during July. This retreat proved valuable and another is planned for late fall. Mr. Walker, along with State Workforce Council Co-Chairman, Jimmy Heidel and Dr. Ray, met yesterday with the Governor and directors of all state agencies that deal with education to discuss focusing workforce development efforts.

A handout was distributed to Board members showing the number of approved projects, people trained, and the types of training offered through the Career Centers for FY 1995. (Exhibit I) Also included was a report on Skill/Tech project funding for FY 1995, in the total amount of \$2,829,537.

Mr. Walker reported that through the State Workforce Council an agreement has been reached to have the University of Southern Mississippi offer a degree in industrial training.

Mr. Walker distributed a copy of a chart showing 1995 Mississippi Workforce-Related Training efforts in Mississippi by program funding source. (Exhibit J)

A meeting for August 18, is scheduled with community and junior college presidents, George Walker, Jimmy Heidel, and Dr. Ray to discuss State Workforce Council activities. The meeting is planned to gain support and cooperation in training a skilled workforce.

\*\* The meeting recessed at 10:30 a.m.

\*\*\* The meeting reconvened at 10:40 a. m.

### GED Report

Bill Box reported to Board members on GED program activities from January through July 1995. (Exhibit K) The Board requested a report that would provide the age of GED test takers and other demographic information.

### Committee on Development of Standards

Bill Bunch distributed a copy of Recommendations of the Special Committee on Standards to the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges for their review and consideration. On a motion by George Walker and a second by Patricia Puckett the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendations as presented as SBCJC Standards. (Exhibit L)

On a motion by George Walker, seconded by Nell Rogers the Board voted unanimously to authorize SBCJC staff to initiate the requirements of the Administrative Procedures Act to include the newly adopted SBCJC Standards.

### Task Force on Correctional Education in MS

Don Shadow reported to Board members on the Task Force on Correctional Education in Mississippi's activities. The Library Services Committee, working through the Library Commission, is hoping to secure books from a library at a military base closing in Panama that may be used as resource materials at Mississippi correctional facilities. Also discussed was an inmate tracking and assessment system whereby inmates could be assessed and followed through the corrections system to help with their educational needs. Mr. Robert Sumrall, representing Representative Charlie Capps, spoke to the group about what type of report was needed to secure funding for the task force's recommendations. A final report will be compiled from all sub-committee recommendations received by the task force.

### Committee on Health Care Needs Report

Dr. Larry Day, upon request from Committee Chairman Hazel Terry, updated Board members on activities of the Health Care Needs Committee. Health care professionals directly related to the health care area have been contacted for input in the area of Associate Degree Nursing. The committee has found a willingness on the part of individuals from the nursing and hospital associations, as well as Associate Degree programs from our individual community colleges, to assist them in their efforts to address health care needs. The committee will collect additional information and will convene a meeting in September with representatives from interested organizations. An overall assessment will then be completed, alternatives will be discussed counting costs involved, and then recommendations will be developed.

### Interpreter Training Program

Dr. Larry Day presented for the Board's review a summary report on the SBCJC Interpreter Training Program Grant. The 1995-1996 Interpreter Training Program Grants have been awarded to Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, in the amount of \$48,392 and to Itawamba Community College, in the amount of \$50,000. The remaining balance of \$80,658 will go to Hinds Community College to enhance their interpreter training program. (Exhibit M)

Budget Hearing

Bill Bunch reminded Board members of the Legislative Budget Office hearing to be held at 222 North President Street, in Jackson, Mississippi, in Room 222, on October 5, 1995, at 2:15 p.m. Mr. Bunch urged all Board members to attend.

Newly appointed University of Mississippi Chancellor, Robert Khayat, joined the meeting, was introduced and spoke to the Board and assured them of his commitment to working with community colleges.

SBCJC Campus Meeting

Dr. Ray discussed with Board members, dates for campus meetings at Coahoma Community College and Copiah Lincoln Community College during the next year. On a motion by Perrin Purvis, seconded by George Walker, the Board voted unanimously to authorize Dr. Ray to arrange campus site Board meetings at Coahoma Community College on October 19, 1995, and at Copiah-Lincoln Community College during the Natchez Literary Festival in Spring of 1996.

Skill/Tech End of Year Report

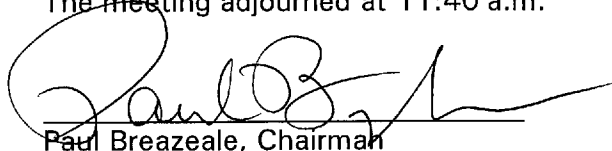
Ed Schneider discussed with Board members the Quality Award Program that will be held on October 5, and 6, 1995. Also he reported that Itawamba Community College, has secured a grant for \$10,000 to hold a "Manufacturing and Industry 2000" Conference in February of 1996. At a later date the SBCJC will be asked to approve an in-kind contribution of \$15,000 for this conference.

Travel Authorizations

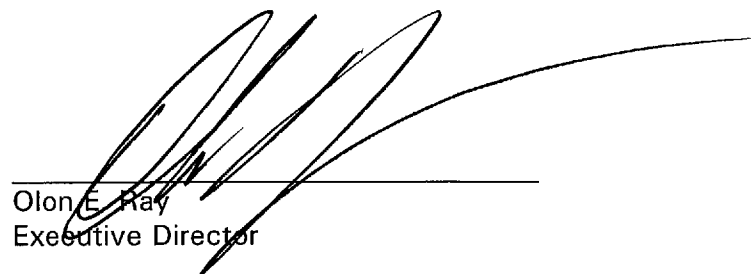
Chairman Breazeale asked for requests for travel authorization reimbursements other than regularly stated Board meetings. On a motion by Alton Bankston, seconded by John Junkin, the Board voted unanimously to approve requests for reimbursement for Paul Breazeale's attending an EdNet meeting on August 8, 1995, and for all Board members who are able to attend the LBO hearing on October 5, 1995.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.



Paul Breazeale, Chairman



Olon E. Ray  
Executive Director